

# Cultural Facilities Grant Program

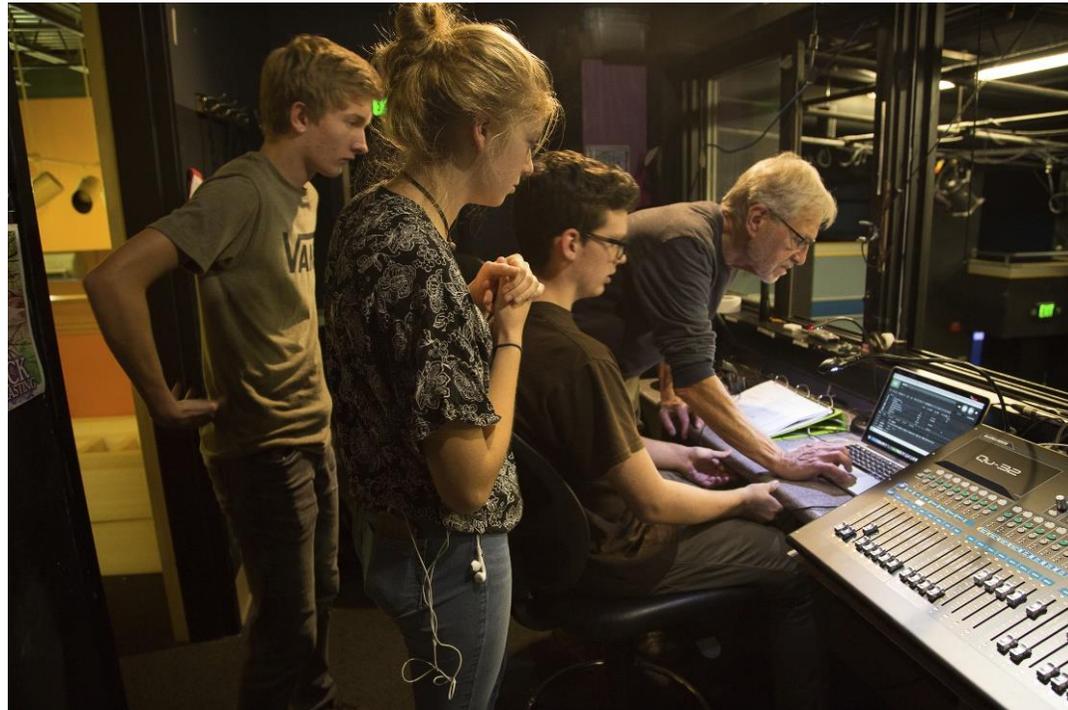




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# Mission

Cultivate and advance the arts and creativity throughout Vermont.



New England Youth Theatre, Brattleboro



The Current, Stowe

# ARTS AND CULTURE

- Revitalize our downtowns
- Spark economic growth
- Build more sustainable communities

9.3% Vermont's jobs = creative sector



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Barre Opera House





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Cultural Facilities provide spaces and places for activities such as performances, festivals, fairs, exhibits, and classes that foster social inclusion and community empowerment, creating an important sense of civic pride.



Vermont Vaudeville



Rokeby Museum, Ferrisburgh

**Cultural Facilities Grants** provide critical funds to nonprofit organizations and municipalities to expand their reach, improve safety, and ensure that the arts are accessible to all Vermonters.

Grant amount: \$1,000 to \$30,000  
1:1 match required



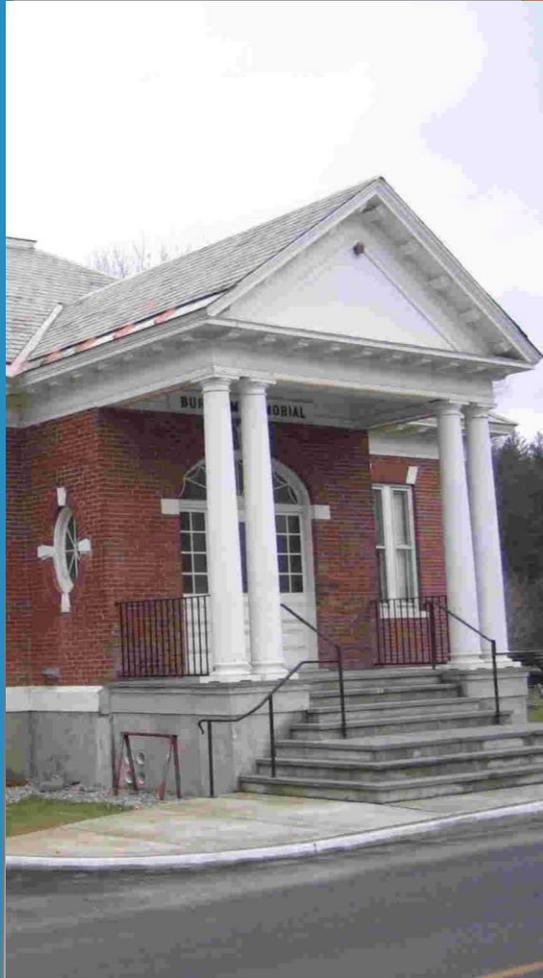
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St. Johnsbury Atheneum



# Grants support:

- Upgrades to electrical wiring and fire alarm systems
- HVAC renovations to improve air quality
- ADA compliance (accessible restrooms, elevators and walkways)
- Hazard mitigation measures (rain gutters, flood gates, sprinkler systems)
- Theatrical lighting and audio equipment
- Environmental upgrades to support collections care and exhibition



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Burnham Hall, Lincoln





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Since 2001, **thanks to this program**, we have made 342 grants totaling \$4,007,992 to support theaters, museums, town halls, community arts centers and municipalities across Vermont.

Enosburg Falls Opera House

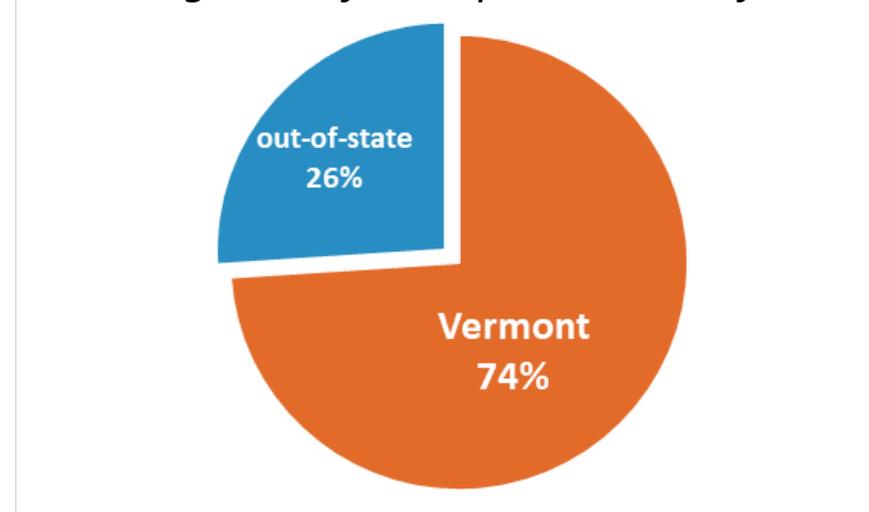




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Clemmons Family Farm, Charlotte

## Amount invested in VT economy for facilities improvements *\*Data source grantee final reports to date from 2014-2022*



\$6.2 million



## Franklin Town Hall

\$10,822 to support the installation of a sound system with assistive listening devices and acoustic curtains for the windows.

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Franklin Town Hall

*The acoustics of the large open area of the facility made hearing programs and events very difficult.*

*The curtains, the sound system and ADA assistive listening receivers will have a great impact on the ability of all community members to enjoy cultural events held here.*



## Caledonia Grange Hall

\$4,390 to  
support electrical  
upgrades on the  
ground floor of  
the Grange

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Caledonia Grange Hall, East Hardwick

*This grant partially funded the updating and rewiring of the Grange's electrical system, for the sake of safety, as well as to expand the possible uses for the building and to allow for future plans to make the building more accessible. Outlets and emergency exit signs were added.*

*With the help of this grant, this spring the Grange hosted a week of after school art workshops for kids, the annual plant swap, a "kid-powered street fair", and regular community meals with live music on the porch.*



## Sheldon Historical Society

\$15,798 to support the installation of an accessible restroom and lift to the second floor

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Sheldon Historical Society

*Construction of an ADA compliant restroom and adding an accessible lift to the meeting and event space on the second floor more than doubles our capacity for events, discussions, small concerts, and displays, while enabling full participation by visitors living with decreased mobility.*



# Broad Brook Community Center

\$30,000 to support insulation throughout the building

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Broad Brook Community Center, Guilford

*The lack of insulation makes the BBCC prohibitively expensive to heat in winter and stiflingly hot in summer, severely reducing its usefulness as a community center. The building functions far below its potential. Insulating will provide Guilford with a space that can be comfortably and affordably utilized year-round by the community for cultural activities.*



# Goethe Community Trust

\$7,198 to support  
the installation of a  
new HVAC system.

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Goethe Community Trust, Burlington

*This grant will improve air temperature control and ventilation. The current air conditioning unit is inoperable and poses a significant obstacle to building use. Managing infiltration and improving air turnover will improve the overall environment year-round. New energy efficient units will significantly expand use of the building as a community center, performing arts, and dance space as well as improve our energy use pattern overall.*



## Friends of Capital City Grange Hall

\$26,949 to support  
the installation of a  
vertical platform  
lift

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Capital City Grange Hall, Northfield Falls

*Project Uplift will facilitate universal mobility access into and within the building. A vertical platform lift in the foyer at the accessible entrance will provide universal access to the raised stage and to the Hall's lower level. The project will facilitate minor renovation of the exterior ramp to bring it back into ADA compliance and fire safety improvements.*



## Vermont Indigenous Heritage Center

\$30,000 to support the construction and installation of custom exhibit cases and lighting for display of American Abenaki artifacts.

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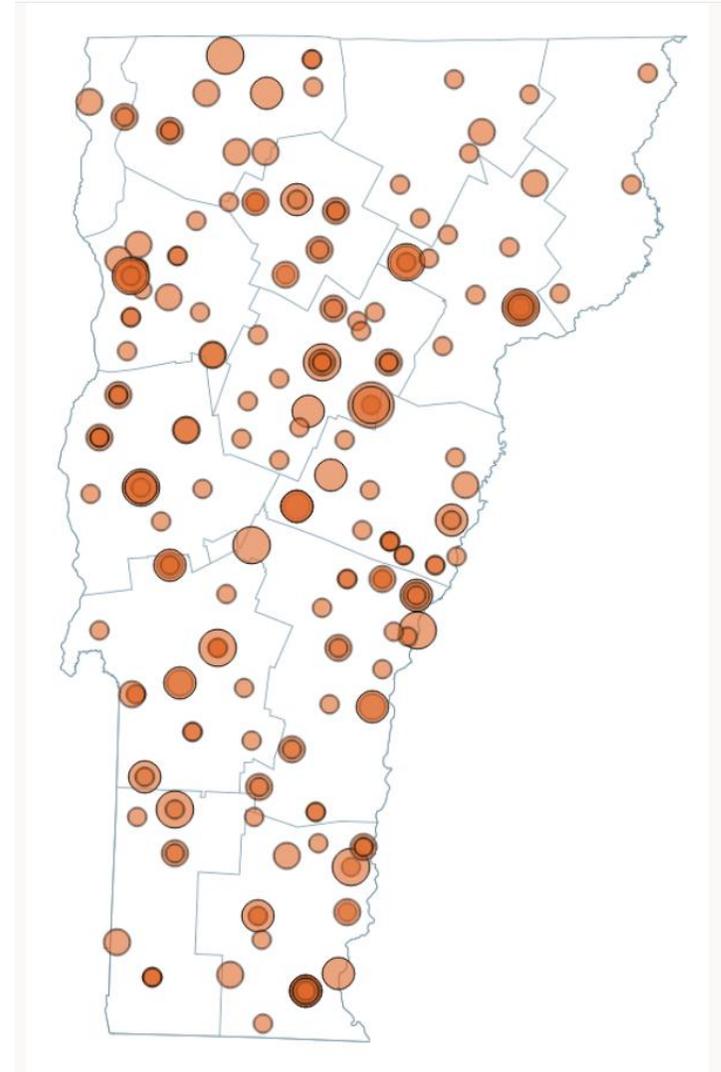
Ethan Allen Homestead Museum  
Winooski Valley Park District, Burlington

*The upgraded space will enhance community gatherings, ceremonies, educational programs, workshops, and more.*





# Cultural Facilities Grantees 2001-2023



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# Thank you!

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Artifact selection for the first exhibit at the Vermont Indigenous Heritage Center, Burlington

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